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For: BIOLOGICAL FLUID FILTER AND
SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with:

This application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/US00/06829. This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application 60/124,580, filed March 16, 1999, which is incorporated by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A filter for processing a biological fluid comprising:
at least two filter elements wherein the surface of one filter element has a nitrogen-to-oxygen ratio in the range of from at least 0.01 to less than about 1.00, and the surface of the other filter element is hydroxylated relative to the bulk of the element.

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